



Frances Mary Sullivan

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Frances Mary Sullivan, 83 years old and resident of Dunedin, Florida, passed away on April 19th, 2023, due to a sudden and threatening diagnosis of cancer. She passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones.

Frances was a beloved Grandmother, Mother, neighbor, friend, and teacher. She was known for many wonderful traits, most notably were her sense of humor, her uncompromising love for her children and grandchildren, her love for travel, and her uncanny ability to always be appropriately dressed surrounded by a hint of Chanel perfume, as well as her ability to set an amazing holiday dinner table.

Frances was born in November 1939 in upstate New York. She spent her childhood through college in Jamaica Estates, Queens, New York. Her education included a Bachelor of Science Degree from St.

John's University. She was one of the first female graduates from a previously all male institution. Prior to marriage she had a career working for Air France as a ticket agent and enjoyed traveling the world with the perks that came with the job. After marriage and starting family her career switched to teaching, with a focus on 6th to 8th grade History and English courses. Frances bravely moved from Queens, New York, to the Clearwater area in the summer of 1978 with her three teenage children in



tow. Her career focus was teaching middle school children continued having spent over 20 years at Dunedin Middle School. She often said middle schoolers were the perfect age for her – fun loving with an eagerness to learn and just starting to find their own way in the world. After her retirement from teaching, Frances spent her time volunteering in the Dunedin community. She volunteered for years in the downtown Dunedin Museum. She enjoyed meeting visitors and expressing her fondness for the rich history of the Dunedin community. Frances also volunteered for the Dunedin Friends of the Library. She truly loved her time with the Dunedin library family. She enjoyed spending time with her fellow volunteers and finding both new and common interests with all those she met.

Frances is preceded in death by her father, John McGrath, mother, Margarita McGrath, step mother, Viola Abel, and her step brother, Patrick McGrath. Frances leaves behind a loving family - Scott and Carol Sullivan of Dunedin, and their children, Scotty, Amanda, and Morgan Sullivan, and great grandchild Kara Seward, her daughter Maryann Sullivan of Safety Harbor, and her son James Sullivan of Gainesville, and his daughters Grace and Catie Sullivan.

Frances Mary Sullivan's Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 20th, 2023 at Light of Christ Catholic Church, 2176 Marilyn St, Clearwater, FL 33765. A Graveside Service will follow in Curlew Hills Memory Gardens 1750 Curlew Rd, Palm Harbor, FL 34683. A Celebration of Life Reception at France's home in Dunedin will see friends from approximately 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be forwarded to St. Jude's Children Hospital, a




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charity that she has
supported throughout her life.

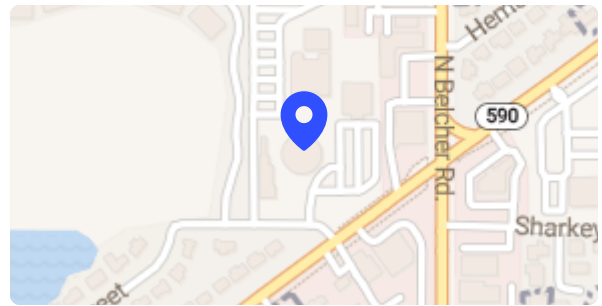


Memorial Mass

 **Saturday**, May 20, 2023

 11:00 AM ET

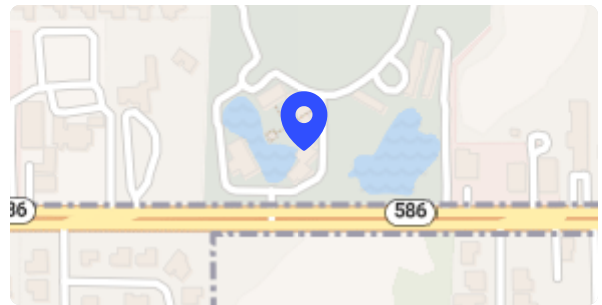
 **Light of Christ Catholic Church**
2176 Marilyn St, Clearwater FL 33765-2532



Graveside Service

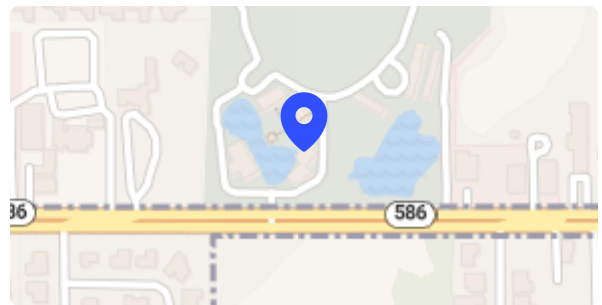
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1750 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor FL 34683



Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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Hans Laursen lit a candle in honor of Frances.

I picked a yellow candle because it reminds me of the suit I remember Mrs. Sullivan wearing at Dunedin Highland Middle School. I was a student of Mrs. Sullivan's in the 1988-1989 school for World Cultures. She was the teacher representative who traveled with me and my family to Deland, Florida in 1990 for the National Geography Bee. She cracked me up as we laughed at my Dad lamenting the small size of Deland at the time. She was always very supportive of me and was my favorite teacher that year. It was a difficult year, as most former 7th graders would testify. I was a constantly bullied throughout middle school. But I knew in Mrs. Sullivan's class I was safe. Even though I wasn't the easiest kid to deal with, she helped me find myself through that safe space. She taught me something I still use today when speaking with children in my clinic as a practicing family medicine physician in Urgent Care. When learning about new things, new people, new cultures, "it's not weird, it's different." I hope if any of her loved ones read this, they know that Mrs. Sullivan made me a better person, and I try pass on what I've learned with compassion for others. -Dr Hans Furtado Laursen



February 9 at 1:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Sullivan family.



May 19 at 7:33 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Frances by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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